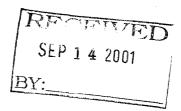


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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on the Biotin 300 mcg supplement under the Major brand name.

• Enhances energy production.

• Biotin is essential for the intermediate metabolism of carbohydrates, proteins and fats.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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Director of Nutrition Communications

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